tion of wild animals in the State include:

(i) Hunting of wild animals, for purposes other than protection of life and property, education, research and population management under Sections 11 and 12 of the Act, has been banned.

(ii) Trade in wild animals included in Schedule I and Part II of Schedule II of the Act is banned. The trade in remaining species is strictly regulated according to the condition of the licence granted for this purpose. Frog is included in Schedule IV of the Act.

(iii) Export of frog or part thereof is banned.

(iv) International trade in endangered species of plants and animals and articles made thereof, is regulated under the provisions of the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

(v) Central assistance is provided to State/UT. Governments for strengthening anti-poaching infrastructure.

(vi) A network of 413 wildlife sanctuaries and 75 national parks, covering 4.2.% of the geographical area of the country, has been set up for conservation of wild flora and fauna. Financial assistance is provided by the Central Government for development of national parks and sanctuaries, on request from the state Governments.

(vii) Special schemes for protection and conservation of tigers and elephants are being implemented.

(viii) A system of castawards has been introduced for getting intelligence about poachers and illegal traders.

(ix) Raids are carried out by the Wildlife Authorities of Andhra Pradesh whenver information of illegal trading in frogs and other animals, reaches them.

Reconsideration of Bodhghat Hydro-Electric Project

2325. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:
SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:
SHRI RABI RAY.

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reconsider the Bodhghat Hydro-Electric Project on river Indravati in Madhya Pradesh in view of the enactment of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the project is likely to destroy some 5704 hectares of exquisite sal forests; and

(d) if so, the reasons for granting environmental clearance to this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). The Bodhghat Hydro-Electric Project was granted environmental approval in 1979 and again in 1985. The proposal received under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is under consideration on the basis of reports submitted in February 1992.

(c) The project involves diversion of 5704 hectares of forest land.

(d) Environmental clearance in 1979 and again 1985 was granted stipulating certain conditions regarding studies to be undertaken in the areas of wildlife, flora and fauna and subject to the preparation of Master Rehabilitation Plan

[*Translation*]

New Railway Line between Shikohabad and Farrukhabad

2326 SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any scheme for laying new railway line in place of the old line from Shikohabad Junction to Farrukhabad on Northern Railway, and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARAJUN) (a) No, Sir The line is being maintained as per needs of traffic

(b) Does not arise

Augmentation of Gaya-Kiul Section

2327 SHRI RAJESH KUMAR will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any plan to augment/renovate Gaya-Kiul section to run super fast train on it,

(b) if so the details thereof and

(c) the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) to (c) Gaya-Kiul section is being upgraded by provision of Standard-III interlocking at 7 stations at a cost of Rs 2 36 crores

There is no proposal at present to run a superfast train on this section

[*English*]

Trafficking in Women

2328 SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether any trafficking in Indian women is taking place in the garb of their marriage with foreign citizens residing out side India,

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected during the each of the last three years and

(c) the steps being taken to curb such trafficking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE) (a) and (b) The Ministry of Home Affairs has informed that they have no information on such trafficking of Indian women However, they have informed that there are three instances in the past 3 years of the marriages of minor girls to foreign citizens residing outside India, but these cases are not being prosecuted under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act

(c) The Government considers the economic social & cultural upliftment of women to be the basic requirement for preventing any trafficking of Indian women Towards this end the Government has been implementing several schemes for their